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1. MEETING CONVENED 0930 HOURS, JULY 5. ATTENDEES INCLUDED ALL AWOP MEMBERS AND ADVISORS EXCEPT THAT USSR AND FRANCE WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT ALL. HANCE LEGERE OF ICAO ATTENDED AS DID NORMAL RUFFLE FROM PLESSEY.

2. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS INTRODUCED BY FRG WAS DELAY OF AWOP VI UNTIL FEB/MAR 1977 TO DO A THOROUGH JOB SO THAT AWOP RESULTS ARE UNASSAILABLE. ADDED TIME WOULD PERMIT ANOTHER WORKING GROUP MEETING IN SEPTEMBER (PRESUMABLY IN MONTREAL) BEFORE AWOP VI. GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THIS VIEW FOLLOWING LEGARE'S INDICATION THAT SCHEDULE COULD BE ACCOMODATED. U.K. AGREED THAT THE ONLY THING SOLID WAS WORLD-WIDE MEETING AND ALTHOUGH ANXIOUS TO KEEP ON SCHEDULE, WG-A SHOULD NOT DO A SLOPPY JOB IN HASTE TO MAINTAIN UNNECESSARY SCHEDULE. UK FURTHER STATED THAT WE SHOULD PRESS ON AND DO BEST TO GET AS MUCH DONE AS POSSIBLE. U.S. AGREED WITH LATTER PORTION OF U.K. STATEMENT WITHOUT PREJUDGING DELAY. CHAIRMAN INTERPRETED SENSE OF MEETING TO BE THAT A DELAY WAS ACCEPTABLE WHEREUPON

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AUSTRALIA PLEADED FOR ONE DAY TO REFLECT ON THIS DEVELOPMENT

BECAUSE OF FISCAL IMPLICATIONS OF ANOTHER WG MEETING. SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH RIGER GILES INDICATES HE WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT DELAY IF HE THOUGHT IT WOULD HELP TRSB. EXPLAINED THAT WE ARE MORE CERTAIN OF TRSB TECHNICAL SUPERIORITY AND CHANGE IN SCHEDULE MIGHT NECESSITATE TAKING INTERIM MEASURES AS REGARDS NATIONAL NEEDS. BELIEVE GILES UNDERSTANDS AND WILL NOT PRESS HIS OPPOSITION BEYOND A STATEMENT THAT AUSTRALIA MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND SUCH A WG MEETING IF OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA.

3. FOLLOWING THIS SUSPENDED DISCUSSION, THE PERFORMANCE SUBGROUP WAS REACTIVATED. KELLY REPRESENTS U.S. ALTHOUGH THIS ACTIVITY SOMEWHAT HANDICAPPED BY LATE ARRIVAL OF DLS DATA AND U.S. FORMALLY PRINTED DATA WHICH IS ADRIFT IN AIR FREIGHT DEPOT, GROUP SEEMS CAPABLE OF POSITIVE ACTION. TENTATIVE CONCLUSION IS THAT APERTURES CAN NOT BE NORMALIZED BUT THAT GROUP WILL REVIEW ONLY WHAT IS PROPOSED AND COSTED. THIS COULD MEAN ONLY DMLS DATA ON 1 DEGREE ANTENNAS REVIEWED. IN ANY CASE GROUP WILL POINT OUT THE TECHNICAL DEFICIENCY WITH EQUATING PERFORMANCE OF UNLIKE BEAMWIDTHS.

4. ACTIONS HERE TODAY SEEM TO INDICATE LACK OF SECURITY IN U.S. INTERNAL DEALINGS. CASE IN POINT IS U.K. STATEMENT THAT INVESTIGATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER AIRBORNE PROCESSOR CAN DECODE EITHER DOPPLER OR TRSB SIGNALS. ALSO CLEAR THAT U.K. TRYING TO BACK AWAY FROM FILLED ARRAYS WHICH EXHIBIT REFERENCE SCALLOPING (I.E., LINCOLN LABS PHENOMENON). CHAIRMAN HAS ACCOMMODATED U.K. LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR MULTIPATH SUBJECT BY FAILING TO CONVENE MULTIPATH SUBGROUP. U.S. WILL PRESS ISSUE BY WORKING PAPER ROUTE.

5. GENERAL TENOR OF CHAIRMAN'S "OBJECTIVE" DECISIONS IS TO FAVOR DOPPLER WHENEVER OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, DESPITE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA PRESS FOR OPPOSITE AND TECHNICALLY SUBSTANTIATED VIEW. NON-PROPOSERS SEEM ALL TOO WILLING TO ACCEPT CHAIRMAN'S VIEW. EXAMPLE IS AGREEMENT THAT DMLS CORRELATION PROCESSOR IS OF EQUAL MATURITY WITH DELIVERED, PRODUCTION QUALITY, TESTED TRSB PHASE III AVIONICS. U.S. AND AUSTRALIA TO SUBMIT MINORITY VIEW OF LATTER ISSUE.

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6. ONE ODD OCCURRENCE WAS APPEARANCE OF PAPER JOINTLY AUTHORED BY WHITNEY AND GRASHOFF.

7. FIRST DAY CONSUMED WITH DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON NARROW ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH RELIABILITY. U.S. AND U.K. DOMINATED ORDERLY DISCUSSION WITH OTHER MEMBERS MOST SPECTATORS. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1600 HOURS.
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